

the owner or operator to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail for consumption on the premises; providing that the annual license fee shall be a certain amount; defining caterer; providing that a caterer licensed under this Act may contract to permit patrons to bring personal alcoholic beverages onto the premises under certain conditions; providing that a hotel or restaurant which presently holds a Class B beer, wine and liquor license need not obtain a Class H beer, wine and liquor license; and providing procedures whereby a caterer presently holding a Class B beer, wine and liquor license should surrender it and receive a Class H beer, wine and liquor license without charge.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 24A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

24A.

(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, A CATERER IS DEFINED AS AN ESTABLISHMENT CONTAINING ONE OR MORE BANQUET ROOMS SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS, WITH FOOD PREPARATION FACILITIES ON THE PREMISES, WHICH CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO SPONSORS OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EVENTS.

(B) (1) IN CARROLL COUNTY, A CLASS H BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED, AND SHALL AUTHORIZE THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A CATERING ESTABLISHMENT TO KEEP FOR SALE AND SELL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT RETAIL AT THE PREMISES DESCRIBED THEREIN FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES. THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE LICENSE SHALL BE THE AMOUNT ESTABLISHED FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE IN SECTION 19 OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE CLERK BEFORE ANY LICENSE IS ISSUED, WHICH FEE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(2) A CATERER LICENSED UNDER THIS SECTION ALSO MAY CONTRACT WITH PATRONS TO PERMIT THEM TO BRING PERSONAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ONTO THE PREMISES OF THE CATERER FOR CONSUMPTION AT CATERED EVENTS.

(C) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT REQUIRE A HOTEL OR RESTAURANT WHICH PRESENTLY HOLDS A CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE TO OBTAIN A CLASS H LICENSE IF CATERING IS,